

Minutes of the May 29, 1998 Meeting
City Council Chambers of Loma Linda
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda

1. Regional Board Chair Henriques called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Melody Henriques, Regional Board Chair
Karen Stein, Regional Board Vice Chair
Jerry A. King
Evelyn Hart
John B. Withers
Maurice Gallarda
Ann Atkinson
Rodger Siems

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer
Kurt V. Berchtold, Assistant Executive Officer
Joanne E. Schneider, Environmental Program Manager
Karen White, Executive Assistant
Hope Smythe, Chief, Planning Section
Kenneth Theisen, Environmental Specialist III, Planning Section
Robert Nicklen, Water Resources Control Engineer, Planning Section

LEGAL COUNSEL

Ted Cobb, State Water Resources Control Board

STATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Mary Jane Forster

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Rod Cruze, City of Riverside
Bruce Cash, United Strategies, Inc.
Alan Bick, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher
Stephen Barnard, The Barnard Company
Joe Zoba, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Doug Drury, Chino Basin Municipal Water District
Greg Woodside, Orange County Water District
Richard Hornby, San Bernardino Environmental Health Services
Pat Kilroy, City of Lake Elsinore

Ken Pay, City of Redlands
 David Cooper, Sunkist
 Katherine Blyskal, Sunkist
 Mark Norton, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
 Jim Colston, Orange County Sanitation Districts
 Gertrude Hagum, Tri-County Conservation League

3. Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting of April 17, 1998

There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 17, 1998 were approved, as presented.

4. Consideration of Consent Calendar Items

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – RESCISSIONS

Subitem 8, Order No. 89-126 for California Department of Fish and Game, San Jacinto, was removed from Rescission Order No. 98-77, at the request of the discharger.

	<u>Order No.</u>	<u>Discharger</u>	<u>County</u>
1.	89-88	Jim Albers, R and J Albers Dairy, Chino	San Bernardino
2.	85-53	San Bernardino Golf Club, San Bernardino	San Bernardino
3.	83-97	California Dept. of Transportation San Bernardino	San Bernardino
4.	78-27	Riverside Cement Company, Riverside	Riverside
5.	90-21	Tommie McDaniel, McDaniel Ent., Corona	Riverside
6.	76-198	Riverside Christian Day School, Riverside	Riverside
7.	91-6	Borneo International Furniture, Inc. Moreno Valley	Riverside
8.	Deleted		
9.	87-28	A and G Sod, Perris	Riverside
10.	90-106	Hemet Valley Hospital District, Moreno Valley	Riverside
11.	90-130	Thrifty Oil Company, Station No. 361, Stanton	Orange

Order No. 98-77

OTHER BUSINESS

Prospective Purchaser Agreement with Sares Regis Company for the former Pacific Scientific Company site in Anaheim (with errata sheet, postponed from the April 17, 1998 meeting). Resolution No. 98-76

Prospective Purchaser Agreement with Shidler West Investment Corporation for the former Alcoa Composites Corporation site in Santa Ana (with errata sheet). Resolution No. 98-82

Action: It was moved by Board Member King, seconded by Board Member Gallarda, and unanimously carried to adopt Order No. 98-77, and Resolutions No. 98-76 and 98-82, as presented.

8. Permit Consolidation Zone (PCZ) Program (information item).

Kurt Berchtold, Assistant Executive Officer, presented this item. In 1995, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 1299, which established the Permit Consolidation Zone (PCZ) Program. The purpose of this program is to streamline the permit process whereby the discharger is required to prepare a Facility Compliance Plan (FCP) in lieu of multiple permits from regulatory agencies. Mr. Berchtold reviewed the procedures involved to obtain a permit through the PCZ Program. He also reviewed the state multi-media participants and noted that Danian Hopp, Director of Cal/EPA's Orange County Permit Assistance Center, will be the zone administrator for the proposed South Orange County PCZ. Mr. Berchtold answered questions from the Board.

Board Member King requested that the Board be notified of permits that have been approved under the PCZ permit process.

Legal Counsel Cobb stated that FCP's may be difficult to process within the SB1299 timeframes because of the time involved in processing the permit and agendizing it for the next upcoming meeting.

11. Nitrogen/TDS Task Force (information item).

Mark Norton, Project Administrator for the Nitrogen/TDS Task Force, introduced this item. The purpose of the Task Force is to evaluate the impact of total inorganic nitrogen and total dissolved solids in the Santa Ana Watershed. Mr. Norton outlined the Task Force goals and the time schedule for completion. Mr. Norton answered questions from the Board, and introduced Tim Moore, consultant for the Task Force, to continue the presentation.

Mr. Moore discussed the concept of assimilative capacity and the efforts of the Task Force Members to achieve consensus on key decision criteria. He also discussed factors contributing to degradation of the Santa Ana River and noted how perspectives differ among agency representatives. Mr. Moore answered questions from the Board.

Board Member King stated his support of the Task Force goals. He also emphasized the need for additional reclamation activities to address water supply concerns.

Executive Officer Thibeault asked Mr. Moore to give an overview of the Basin Plan objectives and a summary of the Rancho Caballero decision. Mr. Moore responded accordingly.

9. Clean Water Act Section 319(h) (Nonpoint Source) and Clean Water Act Section 205(j) (Water Quality Planning), Grant Proposal List - Resolution

No. 98-81 (action item).

Hope Smythe, Chief of the Planning Section, presented this item. Under Clean Water Act Sections 205(j) and 319(h), the United States Environmental Protection Agency provides grants each year to support planning activities and water pollution control projects within the Santa Ana Region. Ms. Smythe reviewed the project proposals that had been submitted and discussed staff's proposed ranking of them. She also reviewed the water quality benefits of pursuing the proposed projects. Staff recommended adoption of the proposed ranking.

ACTION: It was moved by Board Member King, seconded by Board Member Withers, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 98-81, as presented.

13. Watershed Management Initiative (WMI) Chapter Update (information item).

Hope Smythe, Chief of the Planning Section, presented this item. In accordance with the External Review Program and Strategic Plan, the State Water Resources Control Board requires each Regional Board to submit a watershed chapter. The contents of this chapter should include various water quality projects for funding under the 301(h) and 205(j) program. Ms. Smythe reviewed the various projects identified by staff and noted that Newport Bay and Chino Basin are ranked as the highest priority watersheds. She also reviewed regionwide activities proposed by staff for Fiscal Years 98/99 and 99/00. Ms. Smythe answered questions from the Board.

10. Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee (information item).

Joanne E. Schneider, Environmental Program Manager, introduced this item to the Board. She advised the Board of the efforts of the Executive Committee to broaden its focus beyond sediment to address the many water quality problems affecting the Bay and its watershed. Ms. Schneider noted that while these efforts are positive, staff has two concerns with respect to the Committee's activities. The first concern relates to the timeliness of the Committee's actions. The Board has committed to the development of TMDLs by specified dates and the Committee must take timely action to generate data, conduct studies, etc., if it is to have substantive input in this process. Second, staff is concerned that there is inadequate coordination among the various watershed planning studies now underway and that without better coordination, valuable time and resources may not be used in a manner that will result in water quality benefits for the Bay. Ms. Schneider then asked Ken Theisen, Environmental Specialist III of the Planning Section to continue the staff presentation.

Mr. Theisen discussed staff's concerns with ongoing planning efforts related to mitigation for the loss of wetlands and riparian habitat caused by the rapid development of the watershed.

Executive Officer Thibeault requested that Board Member King, as a member of the Executive Committee, bring these concerns to the Committee's attention.

Board Member Hart expressed concern with the lack of participation from representatives of the City of Costa Mesa. Board Member King requested that staff continue to encourage City participation.

12. Santa Ana Watershed Invasive Plants Eradication Program (information item).

Valerie Vartanian, Agency Relations Project Manager for the Nature Conservancy, presented this item. Ms. Vartanian showed a slide show depicting community rivers, plants, and beneficial uses. She gave an overview of the history of the Arundo plant noting its characteristics. She stated that the Arundo plant is an aggressive plant and has destroyed habitat near the river. To address these issues and preserve habitat, Team Arundo groups have been formed throughout the State to eradicate the plant. Ms. Vartanian gave examples of eradication techniques used by Team Arundo. She announced that on June 17, 1998, an education conference is scheduled to help inform the public of ways to support this effort. Ms. Vartanian answered questions from the Board.

14. Hazardous Waste and Sewage Spill Incident Report

The Board accepted the report as received.

15. Executive Officer's Report (information item).

Executive Officer Thibeault asked Ken Theisen, Environmental Specialist III of the Planning Section, to talk about ongoing dredging activities in Newport Bay.

Mr. Theisen summarized those activities and expressed staff's concern with the construction contractor's failure to comply with requirements of the dredging permit. Mr. Theisen indicated that staff is considering whether to recommend enforcement actions to the Regional Board. Mr. Theisen answered questions from the Board.

Regional Board Chair Henriques recognized staff's customer service efforts.

16. Board Member Communication

Board Member Hart asked whether Regional Board Members would like to receive copies of minutes of the Coastal Conservancy Committee meetings. Regional Board Members responded affirmatively.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Regional Board Chair Henriques adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m., to the July 10, 1998 meeting, at the City Council Chambers of Riverside.

Respectfully submitted:

GERARD J. THIBEAULT
Executive Officer

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